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Rupert Murdoch, billionaire owner of *The Wall Street Journal*, has been the focus of many AFP articles over the years. Now he's using his clout to smear AFP.

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- **Rupert Murdoch tries to tie AFP to the Boston bombing**
- ***Wall Street Journal* features front-page article on AFP**

By Michael Collins Piper

On Aug. 6 a front-page article in The *Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) sought to implicate *AMERICAN FREE PRESS* (AFP) as an ideological force that in some way — never quite explained — played a part in instigating the bombing at the Boston Marathon.

The WSJ based its tenuous claim — some call it a "conspiracy theory" — on the fact the late Tamerlan Tsarnaev, the older of the two Chechen-born brothers accused of the bombing, was introduced to AFP by a disabled older American man for whom Tsarnaev's mother worked as a caregiver and with whom Tsarnaev became friendly and spent time discussing political affairs.

AFP was cited as among the publications — described as "extremist" and focused on "far flung conspiracy theories" relating to 9-11 and the Oklahoma City bombing — found in Tsarnaev's apartment.

The WSJ was also distressed Tsarnaev may have also had doubts relating to popular stories about the period known as "the Holocaust" and that he even had a copy of the much-publicized *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* in his possession, a volume often described as being a work of "anti-Semitism."

The meandering article — a muddled smear — was cobbled together to suggest AFP's point of view may have influenced the Tsarnaevs and propelled them to violence.

The WSJ did not mention whether Tsarnaev, a Muslim, may have read and been angered by anti- Muslim screeds appearing regularly in the WSJ or in other like-minded pro-Israel publications such as *The Weekly Standard*, *National Review*, The *Washington Free Beacon* or *Commentary* among many journals that feed readers a steady diet of Muslim-bashing, clearly designed to defame Muslims and much more likely to inflame them.

Published by billionaire Rupert Murdoch, the WSJ also failed to note that Murdoch has a longstanding axe to grind with AFP, going back to the early 1980s when AFP's editors — then affiliated with *The Spotlight* — exposed Murdoch as a media "front" for the Rothschild banking dynasty, a fact suppressed in all other accounts of Murdoch's rise to fortune.

By no coincidence, Murdoch's top lawyer— Howard Squadron, president of the American Jewish Congress and chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations — also played a pivotal role (at that very time) in the initial stages of a conspiracy to destroy *The Spotlight*, one that ultimately succeeded.

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